

like to vote against the Carsten and DeCamp amendment, but I will vote against it because I do not believe we can do what they want to do. It may be that we are going to have to make some kind of adjustment. I think without recognizing the fact that this is only one leg of about a three-legged stool on this tax issue, and we can win this one, ladies and gentlemen, for the farmers, we can win this one, but if we lose the Amendment 4 issue and we lose on several other issues that are before this body, you will have won a very hollow victory.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis, then Senators Lynch, Withem and Remmers.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Very well. Thank you, Senator. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is going to allow the debate to continue because this time we have not had an even division of debate. Senator Withem.

CLERK: He passes, Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think most of you know that I probably the philosophy that everyone should be part of a K-12 district. In fact, 30 years ago a neighbor and I were responsible for closing our Class I school and going to a village 10 miles away. But I think 662 is a very bad bill. I don't think we can move toward this...in this direction until we get substantial property tax relief. Senator Sieck and I had an income tax bill in, a local income tax bill in last year, and he has brought it back again this year, that might begin to look awfully good to some of us down the road. But I do feel that we need to do something to equalize this tax burden before we move too far on any compulsory closing of Class I schools. Along with that, I think 662 has been badly constructed. It has too many things in it that you are going to find impossible to live with. Can you imagine some Class III school out there with maybe 10 or 12 Class I's, and those Class I's are all going to continue